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Sri C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP :—" May I know when the Government propose to construct the new building? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" It is a matter which has to be considered."

Dr. K. B. MENON :—" Are the Government aware that two sites were chosen for the hospital but were discarded? Will the Government please enquire whether there are interested persons who are obstructing construction? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" I will enquire into the matter."

Construction of a channel from the Cauvery to Pudukkottai division.

* 319 *Q.*—Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a sum of rupees five crores has been earmarked, promised or provided by the Government of India to Madras State for the construction of a channel from the Cauvery to Pudukkottai division of Tiruchirappalli district;

(*b*) if so, when; and

(*c*) when the construction is likely to begin and the total cost of the scheme?

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise."

Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" In view of the public accusation of the Member of Parliament representing Pudukkottai that this Government are not utilising the offer of help promised by the Government of India in terms of clause (*a*) of my main question thereby forming hostility against this Government, will this Government please consider the desirability of issuing a communique setting out the true position? "

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" There is no information available with this Government as to the allegations."

Hand-book of Government Orders and circulars.

* 320 *Q.*—Sri A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state whether the Government are publishing a hand-book annually compiling all the relevant Government Orders and circulars?

The Hon. Sri K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" No."

Sri A. RATNAM :—" கல்வி சம்பந்தமான அறிக்கைகளையும் உத்தரவுகளையும் அரசாங்கத்தின் முக்கியமான குறிப்புகளையும் வருஷா வருஷம் புத்தக ரூபமாகக் கொண்டு வரவேண்டும் என்று மனுக்கள் வந்து கொண்டிருக்கின்றனவா ? அப்படி வந்திருந்தால் அதன்மேல் அரசாங்கத்தின் நடவடிக்கைகள் என்ன ?"

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THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" The Government are considering that question."

Allotment of staff from the Harijan Welfare Department to Andhra State.

* 321 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Animal Husbandry be pleased to state how many persons from the Harijan Welfare Department were transferred to Andhra State under each of the following heads, viz., Director, Deputy Directors, Office Assistants, Supervisors, Upper Division Clerks, Lower Division Clerks, Typists, Special Inspectors, Overseers, Attenders, Watchmen, etc.?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" The number of persons 'allotted' to the Andhra State is—

One Personal Assistant,

Three Office Assistants,

One Head Clerk (Agency Section),

Five Lower Division Clerks, and

One Typist.

" In respect of the other categories, no one was 'allotted'.

" The number of 'transferred Officers' to the Andhra State is 'Nil'."

Purchase of coal for the Power House at Basin Bridge.

* 322 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) how many tons of coal are purchased annually for the consumption of the Power House at Basin Bridge, Madras;

(b) whether the coal available at Neyveli, South Arcot district, has been tried in the Power House at Basin Bridge; and

(c) what is the cost of coal per ton purchased for the Power House last year?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) About 120,000 tons on the average.

" (b) Large scale mining of lignite in Neiveli is yet to be started. But, as an experimental measure, some samples of lignite from Neiveli were tried in the Power Station in 1952, with encouraging results.

" (c) Rs. 34 to Rs. 36–6–3 per ton including freight charges."

Electricity Extension Scheme for the Gingee taluk.

* 323 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the programme of the Government for extending and supplying electric energy as